

Minutes
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING
September 9, 2020

Attendance

Members Present (via Zoom Call): Patrick Walker, Chris Babb, Katie Lawrence, Katie Stock, Dennis Healy, Brian Kwiatkowski, Sarah Flem

City Council Representative: Sarah Stankorb-Taylor

City Staff: Terry Huxel (Staff Representative)

Approval of July 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The July 8, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Solid Waste/Recycling Update

Terry provided the draft Waste Collection Specifications to ESC for review. This is the document that will be put out for bid. The City will then select the waste collection provider. Any comments from ESC should be provided to Terry by September 11. It is anticipated that the contract will provide the City flexibility in the services provided at the best available costs.

Freebox/Up Cycle/Junk Day

The Freebox event was well received by the community and successful in diverting items that may have gone to the landfill. Since this was community member to community member there are no specific quantities to report. We did receive feedback recommending that we not hold the event over a holiday weekend, which we will take in consideration for future events.

Patrick Walker provided an update on the Up Cycle event occurring on Friday, September 11 in the public parking lot across from Gabby's from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. This event is to encourage the community to divert waste from the landfill consistent with the City of Wyoming's Master Plan and reduce the quantity of material removed on Junk Day and reduce the costs to the City. Junk King, Reuse Center, and Goodwill will have trucks available for collection. Advertisements have been posted on Facebook/Nextdoor/etc.

Patrick has played a critical role in organizing these events, and we sincerely appreciate his efforts.

ESC anticipates having information on Junk Day (quantity/cost) by the time of our next meeting. We plan to have a discussion about Junk Day and the impact of our education efforts, which we will report to the City Council. In addition, we will have discussion about how future events can be organized.

Storm Water Task Force Update

Sarah provided an update on the Storm Water Task Force. The task force is currently working on a survey to be provided electronically to the community to try and gather data on the location of storm water issues in the City.

ESC will be working with the Urban Forestry and Beautification Commission on the upcoming Planting Native Species for Storm Water Control Workshop. The workshop is being rescheduled due to Covid-19 until spring 2021. No specific date has been identified. There is an opportunity to provide a status update/potential preliminary results from the Storm Water Task Force at the workshop.

Rain Garden Maintenance

The rain garden maintenance work has been scheduled as a joint venture with Urban Forestry for October 3rd from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (If it is raining it will be rescheduled for October 10th 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.). The work is restricted to only ESC and UFB members to keep it a small group and allow for physical distancing. Terry stated the City will pick up the material collected by the group.

Green Your School Mini-Grants

ESC will wait to proceed with this program until later in the fall.

Green Business Award

ESC will send out an email to local businesses to see if more applications will be submitted. The application will be updated with the new dates to be sent in the email. Applications will be collected thru October 9. ESC will discuss and select the award recipients on October 14. It is intended that the recipients would be recognized by City Council at their November meeting.

Next Meeting

The next ESC meeting will be on October 14, 2020.